

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
THE RAPID CITY GAS TRANSPORTATION)
COMPANY, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO)
CONSTRUCT A 6.625 INCH O.D.)
TRANSMISSION PIPELINE FACILITY IN)
PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
WITHDRAWAL AND
CLOSING THE DOCKET**

NG98-001

On February 24, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application for a construction permit from Rapid City Gas Transportation Company, LLC (Rapid City Gas) to build a 6.625 inch O.D. transmission pipeline and associated facilities. The purpose of the facility is to supply natural gas to entities including, but not limited to, the Merillat Company, Rapid City, South Dakota. Merillat Company is a manufacturer of wood cabinets at a plant in Rapid City. Merillat wants a direct connection from its pipeline transporter to its factory. The estimated construction cost of the proposed transmission pipeline and associated facilities is approximately \$1,000,000.00. On March 24, 1998, Rapid City Gas filed a letter withdrawing the application.

At its regularly scheduled April 9, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered the matter of the withdrawal of the application. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically, SDCL 1-26-16, 1-26-17, 1-26-17.1, 49-41B-1, 49-41B-4, 49-41B-11, 49-41B-12, 49-41B-13, 49-41B-14, 49-41B-15, 49-41B-16, 49-41B-17, 49-41B-17.1, 49-41B-19, 49-41B-21, 49-41B-22, and 49-41B-24 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.03, 20:10:01:15.06 and 20:10:01:22.02.

The Commission unanimously voted to allow Rapid City Gas to withdraw its application and the Commission also voted to close the docket. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Rapid City Gas be allowed to withdraw its application; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that docket NG98-001 is hereby closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of April, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner